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SUBJECT: ITALIAN PHARACEUTICAL PATENT PROBLEM

REF: A) ROME 16749, B) ROME 12260

1. ON OCCASION OF VISIT OF HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO TO ITALY, AMBASSADOR AND SECRETARY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF CALLS ON TOP ITALIAN OFFICIALS TO RAISE ISSUE OF PATENTING PHARMACEUTICALS IN ITALY. SUBJECT CAME UP IN FOLLOWING CONTEXT:

A) DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH DAL FALCO CONCERNING WAYS TO IMPROVE US-ITALIAN COOPERATION, AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED ONE AREA COULD BE SOLUTION TO LONG STANDING PROBLEM OWING TO LACK OF PATENT PROTECTION FOR PHARMACEUTICALS. IN RESPONSEN DAL FALCO SAID HE WAS INCREASINGLY HOPEFUL OF OBTAINING PASSAGE OF NECESSARY LEGISLATION ON THIS MATTER, BECAUSE SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS HAVE WITHDRAWN THEIR PREVIOUS OPPOSITION TO PATENT PROTECTION (SEE REFTEL A). HE EXPECTS SOME MOVEMENT ON THIS LEGISLATION IN NEAR FUTURE.

B) DURING CALL ON PRESIDENT LEONE, THE PRESIDENT MADE A PLEA FOR RENEWED AMERICAN INVESTMENT IN ITALY. THE AMBASSADOR AND SECRETARY CALIFANO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CITED PHARMACEUTICAL PATENT PROBLEM AS AN IMPEDIMENT, WHEREUPON LEONE ASKED DAL FALCO ABOUT SITUATION. DAL FALCO RESPONDED BY TELLING PRESIDENT HE HOPED

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TO OBTAIN ENACTMENT OF PHARMACEUTICAL PATENT LAW SOON.

C) SIMILARLY, VISIT WITH PRIME MINISTER TURNED TO DISCUSSION OF FORTHCOMING MEETING ON INVESTMENT IN ITALY BEING SPONSORED BY BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL. AT THIS POINT, DAL FALCO, WITHOUT WAITING FOR PROBLEM TO BE RAISED, VOLUNTEERED TO ANDREOTTI THAT LEGISLATION PROVIDING FOR PATENT PROTECTION OF PHARMACEUTICALS IS

"ON TRACK".

2. THUS, THREE TOP FIGURES IN GOI IN POSITION TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT PROBLEM HAVE BEEN APPRISED OF OUR CONCERN, AS WELL AS OF DETRIMENTAL EFFECT THAT LACK OF PATENT PROTECTION HAS ON INVESTMENT. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH PASS GIST OF FOREING DISCUSSIONS TO PHARMACEUTICALS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION. GARDNER

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